

Amended Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning a patient's arms when in a prone or supine position on a patient support comprising:

- (a) a one-piece foam pad with a central portion positionable under the patient's body;
- (b) on said one-piece foam pad, a ~~soft~~ cushion pad right arm upper section positionable around an upper right arm of a patient including means for attaching said right arm upper section to said central portion of said one-piece foam pad so that said right arm upper section is folded around a patient's upper right arm;
- (c) on said one-piece foam pad, a left arm upper section positionable around an upper left arm of a patient including means for attaching said left arm upper section to said central portion of said one-piece foam pad so that said left arm upper section is folded around a patient's upper left arm;
- (d) on said one-piece foam pad, a right arm lower section positionable around a lower right arm of a patient including means for attaching said right arm lower section to said central portion of said one-piece foam pad so that said right arm lower section is folded around a patient's lower right arm;
- (e) on said one-piece foam pad, a left arm lower section positionable around a lower left arm of a patient including means for attaching said left arm lower section to said central portion of said one-piece foam pad so that said left arm lower section is folded around a patient's lower left arm;
- (f) for said right arm upper section, said left arm upper section, right arm lower section, left arm lower section at least one of said sections has a ~~pre-cut portion for exposure of a patient's arm~~ preperforated tear-a-way portion.

2. Canceled.

3. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning a patient's arms when in a prone or supine position on a patient support of Claim 1 wherein said right upper arm section means for attaching, said left arm upper section means for attaching, said right arm lower section

means for attaching, and said left arm lower section means for attaching comprises hook-and-eye ~~Velcro™~~ like tape attachment whereby said right arm upper section, left arm upper section, right arm lower section, and left arm lower section may be ~~easily and quickly~~ attached and detached from said central portion of said one-piece foam pad.

4. (Previously Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning a patient's arms when in a prone or supine position on a patient support of Claim 3 wherein said one-piece foam pad is radio lucent.

5. (Previously Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning a patient's arms when in a prone or supine position on a patient support of Claim 4 wherein said one-piece foam pad is comprised of a first rectangular section, a second rectangular section, with said first and second rectangular sections connected thereby forming a generally H shape with said right arm upper section, left arm upper section, right arm lower section, and left arm lower section comprising legs of said general H shape.

6. (Original) An arm protection apparatus for positioning a patient's arms when in a prone or supine position on a patient support of Claim 5 wherein said generally H shape has a width approximately equal to the length of a patient's torso.

7. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning at least one arm of a patient comprising:

- (a) at least one central one-piece foam pad, said central one-piece foam sized to be positioned under the torso of a patient;
- (b) attached on said central one-piece foam pad, at least one arm section one-piece foam pad with an arm end extending away from said central one-piece foam pad, said at least one arm section one-piece foam pad sized to loop around at least a portion of an arm of a patient;
- (c) means for attaching said arm end of said at least one arm section one-piece foam pad to said central one-piece foam pad whereby at least a portion of an arm of a

patient may be contained within said at least one arm section one-piece foam pad looped around an arm of a patient and held into place in proximity to a patient's torso;

- (d) on said at least one arm section foam pad a ~~pre-cut portion for exposure of a patient's arm~~ preperforated tear-a-way portion.

8. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning at least one arm of a patient of Claim 7 wherein said central one-piece foam pad ~~is sized whereby there are~~ further comprises a plurality of said arm section one-piece foam pads.

9. (Previously Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning at least one arm of a patient of Claim 8 wherein said plurality of arm section one-piece foam pads are radio lucent.

10. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning at least one arm of a patient of Claim 9 wherein said means for attaching ~~further~~ comprises hook-and-eye ~~Velcro™ like~~ tape whereby said plurality of arm section one-piece foam pads ~~may be quickly~~ is used to secure a patient's arm or to unsecure a patient's arm in proximity to a patient's torso.

11. Canceled.

12. (Currently Amended) An arm protection apparatus for positioning at least one arm of a patient of Claim ~~44~~ 10 wherein there are four arm section one-piece foam pads attached to said central one-piece foam pad, each arm section one-piece foam pads sized to fit around approximately one-half of a patient's arm.

13. (New Claim)- A method for protecting a patient's arms from stretch or pressure injuries during an operation who is in a supine or prone position on a patient support comprising:

- (a) on a patient support surface, providing a one piece foam pad with a central portion;
- (b) positioning a patient in a prone or supine position on a patient support

surface on top of said one piece foam pad positioned thereon;

- (c) providing on said one piece foam pad right arm section positionable around an upper right arm of a patient, means for attaching said right arm upper section to said central portion of said one piece foam pad and folding said right arm upper section around a patient's upper right arm;
- (d) providing on said one piece foam pad a left arm upper section, means for attaching said left arm upper section to said central portion of said one piece foam pad and folding said left arm upper section around a patient's upper left arm;
- (e) providing on said one piece foam pad a right lower arm section, means for attaching said right arm lower section to said central portion of said one piece foam pad and folding said right arm lower section around a patient's lower right arm;
- (f) providing on said one piece foam pad a left arm lower arm section, means for attaching said left arm lower section to said central portion of said one piece foam pad and folding said left arm lower section around a patient's lower left arm.

whereby patient's arms are positioned using said left and right upper section and said left and right lower sections in proximity to a patient's body avoiding stretch injuries to the patient's arms which could happen if patient's arms are forced by gravity into a position away from the body and providing foam padding around the patient's arms to protect the patient's arms from pressure injuries from operating room personnel who are standing in proximity to and placing pressure upon a patient's arms.

14. (New Claim) A method of Claim 13 for at least one of said right arm upper section, left arm upper section, right arm lower section, and left arm lower section providing a preperforated

tear-a-way portion on said at least one section.

15. (New Claim) A method of Claim 14 further comprising providing said one piece foam pad
is radio lucent.